

Principle 4: Grants, Legislation, and Policy Development

- Goal 1: Seek grants to fund viral hepatitis A, B, and C screening, counseling, and behavior modification in high risk groups.
 - *Objective 1*: Obtaining grant funding by utilizing the ISDH Grants Office and those at the local level.
 - Action Items:
 1. Identify, compile, and communicate via the ISDH web site available grants and submission requirements for viral hepatitis partners.
 2. Identify grant writers and encourage free trainings.
 3. Encourage viral hepatitis partners to notify the ISDH Viral Hepatitis Coordinator of submitted grant applications and awards.
 4. Post the list of grant applications and awards on the website.
 - *Objective 2*: Improve funding of public health and CBO providing care for substance abusers with chronic viral hepatitis.
 - Action Item:
 1. Identify educational resources and current efforts.
 - Goal 2: Investigate the need for a hepatitis A immunization requirement for elementary school children and food handlers, with the potential for legislative change.
 - *Objective 1*: Establish a hepatitis A vaccination as a legislative priority when the cost effectiveness, risk benefit, and disease burden warrant a required immunization.
 - Action Items:
 1. Develop a cost-analysis study for Indiana including the primary and secondary benefits.

2. Support future CDC recommendations regarding hepatitis
A vaccination by age or risk groups.
- Goal 3: Advocate for state funding and policy initiatives for immunization.
 - *Objective 1:* Seek funding to provide HAV and HBV immunization.
 - Action Items:
 1. Review the testing, vaccination, and treatment processes of other states.
 2. Provide demographics of viral hepatitis data to viral hepatitis awareness groups.
 - Goal 4: Increase Indiana legislators' knowledge and awareness of the prevalence of viral hepatitis disease, including the financial, human, and medical burden throughout Indiana.
 - *Objective 1:* Provide legislators with the tools and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions around viral hepatitis, including but not limited to concise: national, state, and local surveillance data, peer reviewed journals, and testimonials.
 - Action Items:
 1. Raise awareness of necessity to address funding.
 2. Host an annual "Hepatitis on the Hill Day" during Hepatitis Awareness Month in May.
 - Goal 5: Advocate for state funding and a policy initiative to make treatment services and pharmaceuticals agents available to treat appropriate candidates.
 - *Objective 1:* Provide treatment services and pharmaceutical agents to those candidates for which treatment would not otherwise be available.
 - Action Item:
 1. Educate Indiana legislators using scientific-based data related to programs that make pharmaceutical agents available to those infected.